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ORGANIZED OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION OF FOOD GROWS STRONGER

Even Commissioner Dillon Is
Against It, but He Has Plan
of His Own.

Here are some up-to-the-minute features of the high cost of living problem:

- 1—The high cost of living is still high in New York in spite of the oft-repeated and invariably proved statements in this paper for ten months that foodstuffs are plentiful—and the proof is the unquestioned receipts here daily of such necessities of life as butter, eggs, meats and potatoes.
- 2—That in the last three weeks there has sprung up a very strong opposition to the regulation of food prices by law and that some food experts who two months ago favored Government regulation are now opposed to it.
- 3—Commissioner Dillon of the State Food and Markets Department has changed his mind about price-fixing by the Government. Up until a week ago he advocated a minimum price to the farmers and the abolition of gambling. The Commissioner has decided on an experiment for New York State the operation of which is now up to the

Governor and the State Defense Committee.

4—Uncle Sam is piling up orders for provisioning his armies—and strawberry jam, never so scarce as now, is one of the dainties he wants for his boys.

COMMISSIONER DILLON CHANGES HIS MIND.

"I am opposed," the Commissioner told an Evening World reporter today, "to price fixing of any kind by the Government. I have decided that price fixing by the Government is not the best thing to do at this time. This department will shortly put into operation a plan that will effectively solve the high cost of living by, I hope, reducing the prices."

Our organization expects to assemble enough of foodstuffs to practically regulate the wholesale and retail prices. We will co-operate with every honest distributor in the city. We have a large quantity of support from many commission merchants here and up-State. We hope to do here very shortly just what the Government has wanted to do right along—bring down prices. Farmers up-State and elsewhere have promised heartiest co-operation and increased production under this plan. The result will be the assembling, storing and distribution of foodstuffs without the aid of the speculator. We will develop a system of drying and canning, too. Where we were up for the future? Well, we have been assured of the co-operation of warehouse owners. The foodstuffs will be put in storage to the account of the farmer who sent it. By a banking arrangement we expect to be able to advance the farmer sums of money from time to time as he may need it. Although the Commissioner would not discuss this feature of his plan, The Evening World reporter was informed that the State Food Supply Commission has approved his application for \$65,000 to carry it out. This amount is to cover the operation up to Jan. 1 next, after which a larger appropriation will be needed.

THE SCHEME IS NOW UP TO GOV. WHITMAN.

The scheme is now up to Gov. Whitman. Whether the Governor is favorably disposed to the plan or otherwise could not be learned from any members of the Supply Commission. But there is a large element in the wholesale trade who will oppose any scheme of operation planned by the Commissioner.

Of course, if the Governor approves of the plan it may be tried. The appropriation will give the Commissioner an opportunity to increase the efficiency of his staff by hiring someone with practical knowledge of the local market situation to handle that end.

Meanwhile scores of experts and alleged experts here and elsewhere are opposing the plans of the Administration for a practical solution of the problem which involves the taking over of the entire food situation by Herbert C. Hoover and the fixing of prices to producer and consumer plus the operation of this plan through the normal channels, but with the gambler driven to the wall.

While the experts, big, little and infinitesimal, are fighting Hoover, the merry-go-round of high prices is merrily spinning. And while the High Price Wheel is spinning around and around with accelerated revolutions every week or ten days the supply of meats, potatoes, butter and eggs and onions—yes, even cheese—is coming into the city just as normally and just as sufficiently plentiful for the daily needs of this city as it did nine months ago, when The Evening World started its food-receipts exposure.

FOOD IN PLenty AND STILL PRICES GO UP.

There were 55,427 cases of eggs received here yesterday, official receipts, but this includes only the amount unloaded. On Monday there were 13,693 cases received, which represented only a part of Saturday's actual amount on cars. This makes a total of 49,122 cases for the two days. This is by no means extraordinary. There have been larger receipts in two days than this since the fresh egg season opened. But it means that for the wants of this city 147,560 dozen eggs have been received. Under normal market conditions the price of eggs should have gone up Monday because of light receipts. Under normal conditions the market should have dropped two weeks ago to at least 25 and 30 cents a dozen. Under normal conditions the market, in the face of 35,427 cases received yesterday, should have shown the effect of such a supply.

But the markets nowadays reflect only one side of the food problem—the up side. The market opened today with a slight increase over Monday's quotations. At the close of the market yesterday fresh gathered extra were 38 and 38½ cents, storage packed 34½ and 37½, against 37½ and 38 for extra and 36½ and 37 for storage.

UNCLE SAM'S MARKET LIST FOR HIS SOLDIERS NOW BEING MOBILIZED

Uncle Sam has started in to provide for the army to be mobilized at Atlanta in the fall. In his long order list to wholesale grocers he seems to have kept in mind that the Yankee trooper has a sweet tooth. One of the items calls for 144,000 jars of strawberry jam. Another is the old army stand-by, pork and beans. Here is the list, item by item:

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| Tomatoes, cans..... | 72,000 |
| String beans, cans..... | 144,000 |
| Corn, cans..... | 480,000 |
| Peas, cans..... | 480,000 |
| Salmon, cans..... | 288,000 |
| Pork and beans, cans..... | 288,000 |
| Sugar, pounds..... | 4,000,000 |
| Coffee, pounds..... | 8,000,000 |
| Peaches, cans..... | 288,000 |
| Strawberry jam, jars..... | 144,000 |

Strawberry jam is scarce, but not nearly so scarce as pork and beans by the can. The amount ordered, though hardly enough for three or four days, is not available at present and will have to be especially canned, the jobbers say.

age on Monday. There was no change on first.

There were 13,622 packages of butter received. The top grade is 40½ and 41 cents a pound. Extra is 40 "inside" firsts 38½ and 39½. Increased supplies of potatoes have no effect on the wholesale market and the consumer is still paying 10 cents a pound. One hundred and seven cars of new potatoes came in yesterday, though all of them were not unloaded, and there was a large consignment by the barrel on steamers from Bermuda. South Carolina potatoes are beginning to come in freely. Florida grade is \$10.50 to \$11 a barrel. South Carolinas are quoted at \$9.50 and \$10 a barrel, but they are not coming in plentifully enough to force down the prices exacted by the owners of the Florida grade.

The wholesale grocery trade has received requisitions from the army for supplies to be delivered at Atlanta. Though this order is quite large, it is hardly enough to supply an army for three days, according to some of the jobbers. Among the items called for are 720,000 cans of tomatoes, 144,000 cans of string beans, 480,000 cans of corn, 480,000 cans of peas, 288,000 cans of peaches, 4,000,000 pounds of sugar, 8,000,000 pounds of coffee, 288,000 cans of peaches, 288,000 cans of salmon and 144,000 cans of strawberry jam. Just one other item, 288,000 cans of pork and beans.

40 ROBBERIES CHARGED TO TWO TAKEN IN FIGHT

Police Say Prisoners Captured After Battle on Fire Escape Admit Williamsburg Burglaries.

In two prisoners captured on a fire escape after a battle, Seventh Branch detectives say they have the "fire

escape burglars" who lately have committed more than forty robberies in the Williamsburg section. The men describe themselves as Harry Friedman, nineteen, of No. 54 Middleton Street, and Sol Kallan, nineteen, of No. 425 Flushing Avenue, Williamsburg.

Detectives Cavanagh and Grieco early to-day followed the men into an apartment house at No. 716 Bedford Avenue, after seeing them force the door, and found them about to enter the rooms of Mrs. Sarah Stern. The intruders ran to a fire escape and a fierce fight followed. Tenants shouted from their windows for aid, and a dozen policemen came running from the Cuyler Street station. The two men were overpowered.

According to the police they made a full confession, including an admission that they had robbed Mrs. Stern Saturday night and had planned a second visit. In their pockets were found forty pawn tickets and burglary tools. Victor Goodman of No. 419 Flushing Avenue, Mrs. Rosie Zuckin of No. 415 Flushing Avenue and Joseph Mason of No. 325 Flushing Avenue are declared to have identified the prisoners as burglars seen in their apartments.

110 GEM-LADEN CUBANS HERE FOR DAZZLING VISIT

Bring Sparklers Enough to Change Island's Title to "Diamond of the Antilles."

If all the diamonds worn by 110 Cubans who came to New York on a ship from Havana to-day could be grouped in one display they would make Tiffany's window look like a cartload of broken stone. To-day's arrivals are the advance guard of Cuba's "wealth, beauty and chivalry" which will spend the summer in the cool resorts of the United States and, incidentally, spend large quantities of money, some of which has been made in sugar and much of which was more or less painfully extracted from American tourists in Cuba last winter.

Mountains of baggage, the diamonds, the optimism and predictions as to the future of Cuba accompanied the visitors. They declared the revolution is over and that President Menocal has the republic under perfect control.

The entire Cuban Consulate force turned out to greet Senora Sarah Hevia, wife of the Secretary of the Government of Cuba. She will spend the summer near New York with her four children.

Auto Handits Cut Off Light in Village
OSWEGO, N. Y., May 23.—After cutting the electric power lines and throwing the village in darkness auto handits blew up the safe of the post office at Sandy Creek, this county, last night and got away with \$400 cash and \$200 in stamps.

SONG FETE WILL AID WAR.

School Choral Societies to Sing at City College Saturday.

The high school choral organizations and the New York City Orchestra will hold a concert and celebration next Saturday night in the Stadium of the City College for the benefit of the National League for Women's Service and the National Red Cross. The stadium and the Great Hall will be illuminated by forty flood lights, and on top of the stadium will be a red cross of electric lights. The display will begin on Friday evening.

Music will be furnished by an orchestra of 150, conducted by Victor Herbert. The soloists will be Pasquale Amato of the Metropolitan Opera, Albert Spalding, violinist, and Alice Verlet of the French National Opera in Paris.

Three thousand young men and women will be costumed as Red Cross nurses, soldiers, sailors and farmers. Each brigade will have its band and life and drum corps and will carry banners of the Red Cross and the flags of the Allies.

Firemen on Southern Pacific Voting on Possible Strike.
GLOBE, Ariz., May 23.—Firemen on

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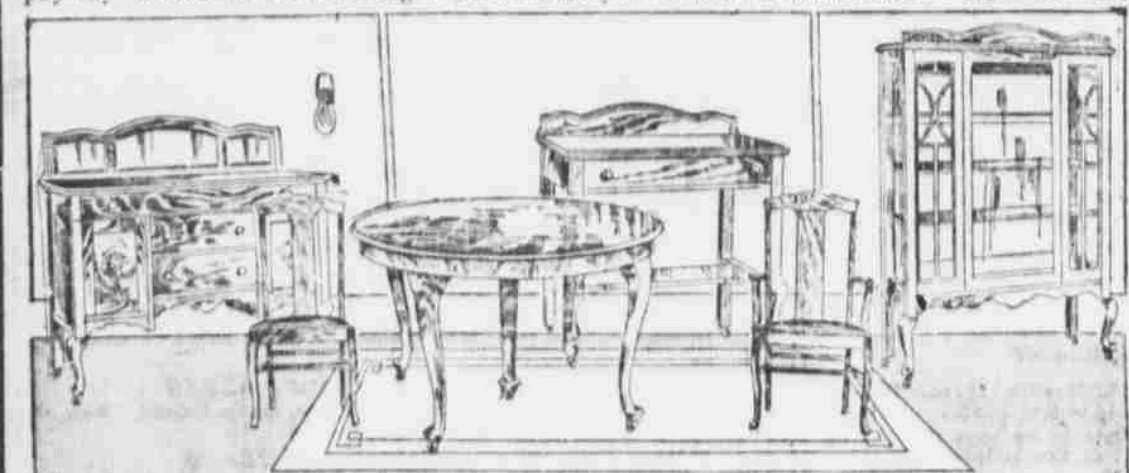
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